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For Immediate Release:

GROTE RECEIVES EIU SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

CHARLESTON – Eastern Illinois University alumnus C. Nelson Grote has been honored as the EIU School of Technology's Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient for 2002.

This was the first time this annual award has been given, and it honors those graduates who have distinguished themselves in either academic or literary fields, business, public service and/or service to the School of Technology. Recipients have also, through their accomplishments and service, brought prestige to their alma mater.

Grote received his undergraduate degree from Eastern in 1950, majoring in technology education. He did his student teaching in Decatur, Ill., before completing his graduate degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia and his doctorate at the University of Illinois.

A lifetime educator of 42 years, Grote has served as president of Schoolcraft College, Livonia, Mich.; chancellor of the Community Colleges of Spokane, Wash.; and, most recently, as president of Morehead State University (1987 to 1992), Morehead, Ky.

Grote is most noted for his advancement of organizations, technology in the classroom and his community outreach programs.

Joined by his wife, Wilma, also an EIU graduate, and EIU college friends, Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Furr, Grote received his award at the EIU School of Technology Centennial Celebration dinner held recently on EIU's campus. Presenting the award were Mahyar Izadi, chair of the EIU School of Technology, and EIU Interim President Louis V. Hencken.